

To justify the aggression

Managua. President Reagan's allegations that Soviet ships are bringing MIG fighter-bombers to Nicaragua are deliberate lies aimed at justifying a direct armed aggression by the United States against the Nicaraguan people, as said here Daniel Ortega, member of the National Leadership of the Sandinista Front of National Liberation, Coordinator of the Government of National Reconstruction. Addressing a press conference after a meeting he had with a group of American Congressmen, the Nicaraguan leader stressed that the United States is well informed that there are no combat planes in the Nicaraguan territory.

The provocative battyhood raised by the White House around Soviet MIG fighters, he said, tallies well with his attempts to deceive the American public and to make it believe that there is a non-existent threat from Nicaragua and also that there is a need for an armed intervention by the United States into the domestic affairs of Nicaragua. Also subordinate to this aim is the new anti-Nicaraguan campaign in the course of which the White House propaganda machine defies the truth in alleging that Nicaragua intends to use chemical weapons against its neighbours.

REAGAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE

Washington. The American President Ronald Reagan has held a press conference at which he has touched on some foreign political issues.

Among other things, he declared that he does not intend to give up the programme for the construction of the first strike MX intercontinental ballistic missiles whose elimination is increasingly demanded by the American public and Congress. He alleged that this programme is vital for the United States.

As is known, the plans for the creation and deployment of the first 100 MX missiles, each of which carries ten warheads, is the backbone of the programme for the rearmament of America aimed at



The United States has taken another dangerous step towards outer space militarization. A decision has been taken by President Reagan to set up a United Space Command within the Pentagon.

Drawing by V. Perukhov

attaining a one-sided military superiority over the Soviet Union. According to the information at the disposal of specialists, the MX programme will cost dozens of thousands of millions of dollars, while the entire programme for the rearmament of America devoted to last for several years is worth two odd million million dollars.

KING HUSSEIN SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

London. King Hussein of Jordan has expressed his support for the idea of holding an international conference on a settlement in the Middle East.

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THE PEOPLE'S LIVING CREATIVITY

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It will be necessary to bring about far-reaching changes in the economy and the entire system of social relations, and to ensure a qualitatively higher level of Soviet people's life. As a result, socialism will rise to a new stage of maturity.

The speaker said that vast possibilities of accelerating society's socio-economic development are inherent in combining the initiative and independent action of the masses and the scientifically grounded, creative approach to the solution of urgent problems. Mikhail Gorbachev said that the effectiveness of social sciences has risen since the June Plenary Meeting, but that social scientists are still slow and fight shy in tackling key theoretical problems. He pointed out some of these problems:

• the creation of a developed concept of the ways of transition to a dynamic, highly effective economy, and the moulding of a more perfect economic mechanism;

• the interaction of modern productive forces and the social relations of production;

• the development of the people's socialist self-government;

• taking into account the interests of different social groups to our political system, and the scientific elaboration of the principle of democratic centralism in present-day conditions.

He singled out, in particular, the task of achieving a resolute breakthrough in intensifying social production, and raising its effectiveness on the latest scientific and technical basis.

Questions of accelerating scientific and technological progress, as is well known, will be discussed at the next Plenary Meeting of the CPSU Central Committee. Paramount importance is attached to the strategy of further developing the scientific, technological and productive potential.

Scientific and technological progress demands a closer attention to the cultural and technological level of the working class and the peasantry, and a radical improvement of the training and perfecting of society's main productive force.

Mikhail Gorbachev stressed that the Central Committee of the Party considers that an ever-growing attention to social questions, no matter what aspect of life they may concern, must be the law for all state, economic and public organizations, central bodies and local authorities. No references to objective circumstances can justify the lack of attention to people's needs. For us, Communists, this is a matter of principle.

He further noted that socialism has exerted and continues to exert its main impact on world development through its economic policy and its successes in the socio-economic field. Every new step forward along this road is the most cogent argument in favour of the socialist system and the Soviet way of life. Socialist ideology, which with its genuine humanism and its social progress, of the development of the human personality, a world without weapons and wars, without exploitation and oppression.

On questions of organizing ideological, mass-propaganda work the conference was addressed by Mikhail ZIMYANIN, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. He pointed out that the party over 65 million people are united their knowledge in the network of political and economic education and said that this study helps promote labour and political activity.

In carrying out the duties of the June Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee, the Party committees are completing the building of a unified counter-propaganda system. However, the task set by the Party of reparting a more active role in the counter-propaganda has by no means been fulfilled. The close enemy would like to push us onto the defensive. The most not be allowed to happen. It is not the truth is on our side. To day we possess irrefutable historical arguments in favour of socialism.

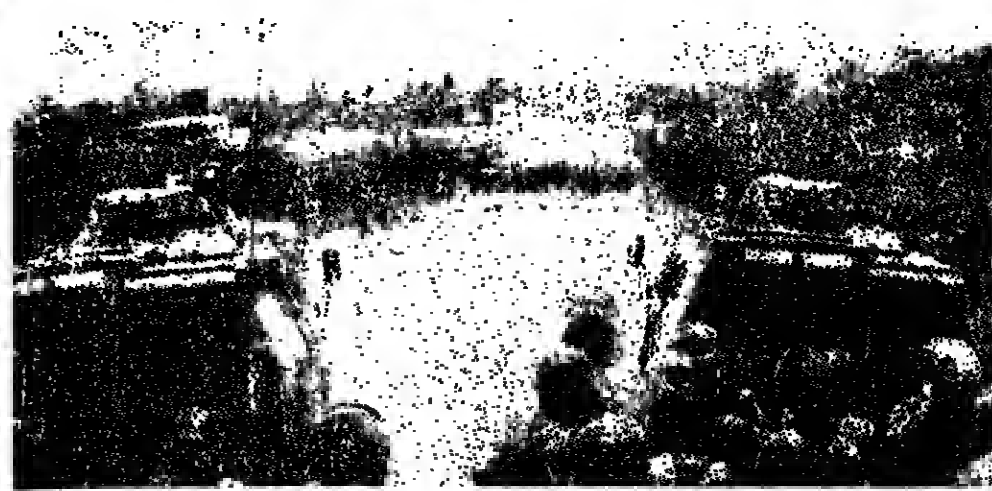
WHAT WAS DOCTOR EPPINGER?

Bonn. AP news agency reports from the city of Freyburg (East Germany) that the Eppinger Prize awarded to medical scientists for health research has been annulled. The decision followed a scandalous exposure that the prize Eppinger, after whom part of it is named, personally took part in criminal experiments on people during the years of the Nazi regime in Germany. Among other things, the exposures concerned "research" which Eppinger carried out in the Dachau concentration camp. He is also mentioned in the Nuremberg trial documents. The news agency points out that Eppinger committed suicide in 1948 in order to avoid judicial persecution.

FACTS AND EVENTS

As US Navy Secretary John Lehman said, Pentagon contractors have been awarded new contracts worth nearly \$1 billion for the construction of a fleet of submarines.

According to the Japanese North Atlantic bloc, Japan's military expenditure for this year at 147.5 billion yen (14.75 billion dollars) is 10 per cent more than in 1982.



The situation in New Caledonia, an overseas territory of France in the Pacific, has sharply aggravated. The French authorities have dispatched a large contingent of police to the archipelago to reply to demands for independence by the natives.

From "La Figaro"

SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa. Food and medicines are being delivered to the northern and eastern areas of Ethiopia which are hit by severe drought. Their transportation cost some 5,500 lorries. Considerable amount is flown by helicopter planes, while helicopters provided by the Soviet Union carry it to remote areas. The Government of Ethiopia is taking urgent measures to ease the situation in the drought-stricken areas. A programme is underway for resettling residents of arid areas on fertile lands. Most reports indicate that over 500 people have already been resettled in the Keila, Illubabor and Wollega provinces, where they can engage in productive activities with state assistance.

FACTS AND EVENTS

400 female members of the so-called people's front for the liberation of Eritrea who recently voluntarily joined government forces say their action was motivated by their desire to fight in the ranks of the revolutionary army.

The Government of India has expelled two staff members of the US New Solidarity International Press Service and closed its bureau in New Delhi, following an exposure of the espionage operations of this organization set up by the US CIA for infiltrating its agents into India's media.

The American peace researcher William Arkin has passed on to Iceland's Government a secret document from which it follows that President Reagan has given his consent to the deployment in Iceland of 48 nuclear depth charges.

How much for a Congressman's seat now?

New York. A survey carried out by the Sunline News Service company at the request of The New York Times has revealed the question as to how much an American Congressman's position is worth now. According to company experts, an average 325,000 dollars was needed this year to score a House seat, a 23 per cent rise on the 1982 mid-term election figure.

OATH OF POLICEMEN

Tokyo. The chief police department of Japan has announced that it has discovered a method to put an end to the epidemic of corruption and crime among the local "guardians" of law and order. For this purpose, the newspaper "Tokyo Shimbun" reports, a special course of lectures on "ethics and good behaviour" will be held out at all the police schools and stations. The lectures will impress on the district

ARMAND HAMMER: To believe in dialogue

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Q: Several years ago you already gave us several letters by Lenin. What are they for you: mere autographs of a great man or something more?

A: For me letters by Lenin and Lenin are historical documents which shed more light on the work of real geniuses of mankind, in giving over these autographs to the USSR I was guided by the fact that they are precious relics for the Soviet people, for I am convinced that these documents must belong to the real spiritual inheritors of their authors.

As you know, I was lucky to personally know Vladimir Lenin and met him on several occasions. He was not only an outstanding state and political leader

but an extremely likable man. I have brought my deepest respect for him through my whole life. His idea of peaceful coexistence is states with different social systems become guiding for me.

Q: How do you assess prospects for Soviet-American relations?

A: A businessman should not look at things through rose spectacles, yet I hope for a warm long. The Soviet Union has taken a firm line towards the arms race, and without hiding, admits that summit talks could bring good fruit only on the condition that the American side switches over from words on its desire for peace to actions. I appreciate your position. It is quite justified.

Science and technology

RESERVE OF EARTHQUAKES

Various seismic phenomena are being permanently observed in the vicinity of Japanese islands for several reasons. According to Japanese scientists, one of them is the gigantic underwater fissure (over 330 km long), recently discovered by oceanologists. It begins near the coast of the Honshu Island. The breadth of this "canyon" is between two and five km, with its depth reaching nine km in some places.

ON FUEL FROM COCONUT

What will replace the costly petrol? This question worries many specialists from countries with scarce oil resources. Newspapers have already written of an experiment in Brazil where an alcohol from sugar cane was used as a car fuel. Recently a new replacement, coconut, was tried out in the Philippines. It is obtained from coconuts. The raw material resources for the fuel in the country are tremendous. Indeed, of every hundred ones picked worldwide 95 come from the Philippines.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND

British archaeologists working in Syria succeeded in discovering traces of early writing. According to Prof David Oates of the University of London, who, together with Dr Ioan Oates of the University of Cambridge, heads this work, two clay tablets depicting animals and figures "relate to a rather early stage in the development of the system of writing". The tablets, both made of non-fired clay, are about 4 cm long.

OF INTEREST

To disco rhythm

It turned out that elephants can not only work but also take pleasure in dancing, preferably to disco rhythms, play football in such a way that feelings run high among the long-eared pachyderms, each other old, participate in relay races. They can also compete with people in tug of war. What's more, they win with dignity and "cool" characteristics of elephants.

All these unusual "athletic" elephants are shown in Berlin, in

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

AFRICAN TRAGEDY

The dependence on former metropolises and the plunderous policy of transnational corporations towards developing nations is a major reason for the low efficiency of African agriculture which has aggravated the food problem on the continent, contends PRAVDA's Algerian correspondent Sergei Filinov. He points out that Africa inherited from colonialism a predominantly monocultural agriculture. Under this pressure the economy is still largely oriented on the world capitalist market and suffers most serious blows during its crisis periods. The neo-colonial policy of imperialist nations towards most African nations narrows the latter's opportunity for strengthening their own industry and agriculture. For transnationals the African states have been and are the suppliers of raw materials.

For many African nations their present tragedy is another proof of the critical importance for them of real economic independence. Only that could make it possible to successfully battle the effects of natural calamities, hunger, as well as to achieve an upsurge in agriculture and the economy as a whole, the paper points out.

TEL AVIV'S STRATAGEM IN LEBANON

About Tel Aviv's manoeuvres of the Lebanese-Israeli talks, writes IZVESTIA's political observer, Konstantin Golovov. He points, among other things, to the following stratagem by the Israeli leaders:

They declared that they had established a three-month term for the achievement of results in the negotiations with Lebanon, and in case of the failure of these negotiations they will start to act on their own discretion. The essence of the ultimatum is simple, all the more so that the Israeli side takes an obstructionist position and puts forward conditions deliberately unacceptable for the Lebanese. It is obvious that the efforts made by Tel Aviv are aimed at being able to accuse the Lebanese side, in three months' time, or even earlier, of obstructing the negotiations so as to carry out a plan, long before conceived by the Israelis, of unilateral measures to secure Israeli's northern borders with a partial redeployment of the forces of invasion. This in turn must tend to the same result — conversion of southern Lebanon into an Israeli protectorate.

WHAT HAVE PERSHING'S BROUGHT TO EUROPE?

Writing in SOVIETSKAYA KOSSIYA Anatoly Krasikov stresses that NATO propagandists try to convince their peoples that they would be more secure once Pershing-8 and cruise missiles were in place, but this is far from the truth. Not only have the hundred-plus American missiles positioned this year in Europe failed the Geneva talks, they necessitated military countermeasures by the USSR and its allies, for they had could not let the balance of power in Europe be upset. The policy, too, was restored — at a higher level.

Not only the USA is to blame. The blame is shared by those 15-20 European politicians who have placed their countries at the disposal of the USA. Yielding to Washington's pressure and placing the notorious "Western solidarity" ahead of their own national interests, they turned West European peoples into the hostages of US nuclear strategy, the author concludes.

THE GREEN LIGHT TO THE MANUFACTURERS OF DEATH

KRASNOYA ZVEZDA writes that this year the Council of the West European Union has lifted from the Federal Republic of Germany the last bans on the manufacture of strategic bombers and long-range missiles, and in this way gave a green light for the creators of offensive weapons in West Germany.

Having received this support from the partners in the North Atlantic Alliance, the military and political leadership of the FRG, judging by everything, intends to strengthen the course towards further build-ups in military and industrial potential for the purpose of implementation of technical re-equipment of the Bundeswehr so as to raise its combat capabilities and to strengthen the country's influence within NATO. The following facts testify to this. The FRG Defence Minister Manfred Wörner, for example, has presented a new plan for the development of the Bundeswehr for the next thirteen years under the title, "Bundeswehr 1985". Its main direction is build-ups in arms in keeping with the plan until the end of the century nearly 300 thousand million DM will be spent on purchases of weapons for the Bundeswehr.

The implementation of this programme will mean a sharp swing of the entire economic structure of the country towards militarization, a swing which has been unprecedented in the entire history of the Federal Republic.

VIEWPOINT

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BILLIONS FOR VIOLENCE ESCALATION

Washington is now busy spicing its 1985 "foreign military aid" programme — how much to give and to whom, and most important, for what purpose. In other words, the issue hangs on the political and other non-material dividends the USA will accrue from these funds.

While another batch of arms was recently on its way to Pakistan a Pentagon spokesman claimed it would help achieve the goals of US foreign policy. On the military plane, the most crucial of these goals is the establishment of American military beachheads around the globe, to rise the latter for the exertion of pressure on the peoples — in the respective regions — and for interfering in their internal affairs. Pakistan is also seen as one of such beachheads in the Indian Ocean and Southern Asia. But what is the by-product, so to say, of these efforts made by Washington?

Ever since the five-year US military aid programme to Pakistan was launched tensions have mounted throughout Indonesia. Indeed, no other outcome of these efforts could have been

anticipated, as Pakistan's armament programme is out of proportion with its real defence needs. It is specially focused on offensive weapons, posing a real threat to the security of neighbouring nations.

Residents of India's north-western states now being infiltrated from abroad by armed separatists as well as Afghan villagers constantly shelled by long-range cannons supplied to Pakistan by the USA, are now suffering as a result of the above-mentioned efforts.

The escalation of bloodshed is intensified, too, by the 280 million dollars the USA has earmarked for Afghan counter-revolutionary groupings in 1985. According to Washington, these funds would help buy the latest tools of terror. Evidently, some of this money will be set aside as "remuneration" for the most dedicated bandits who receive special bonuses for every murdered supporter of the revolution, be it a government official, doctor, teacher, schoolboy or clergyman.

Washington expects similar "dividends" in human suffering

and lives on arms "investment" in Central America. For instance, El Salvador has been promised 130 million dollars next year, mainly for the purchase of "man-hunting" choppers and rapid-firing machine-guns capable of US military experts claim, of killing all the residents of a large area in a matter of seconds, as well as other effective mass slaughter means needed by the rulers in El Salvador to suppress their own people.

Honduras has been promised 62.5 million dollars as remuneration for becoming in the first place, a US Army beachhead in Central America and, secondly, the strongpoint for counter-revolutionary groupings making terrorist incursions into Nicaragua. But the general "foreign policy goal" of US military aid is suppression of the national liberation struggle in Central America with the hands of its recipients, until Washington deems it necessary to resort to its own open intervention as it did in Grenada and is planning to do in Nicaragua.

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of all the "foreign military aid" allocations for 1985 is meant for Israel. But Tel Aviv is nevertheless indignant, thinking that the services it renders Washington cost at least three times that remuneration. The nature of these services is well known and is no secret to the Lebanese, Palestinians and other Arab peoples. Accordingly, Washington promises to review it while in the meantime consoling Tel Aviv by advising it to use the 1,200 million dollars "economic aid" to boost its military potential. That is precisely what "The Washington Post" wrote in its November 22, 1984 issue.

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The range of "mutual services" sought after by Washington for its military aid is rather broad. These include bases for the US Navy and Air Force on the territories of recipient nations, transshipment bases for the "rapid deployment force" and its arms deposits, participation in various US "shows of strength", covert and overt activities of Washington against unfriendly countries and regimes, etc.

But the overriding consideration is advantage for the USA itself — only that and in any case, even if that leads to more tensions and less stability in many parts of the globe, even if elementary rules of international law and Washington-advocated "American moral values" are trampled upon. Washington's current bargain with the military aid to its individual clients, convincingly confirms this: it would result in nothing else but more violence around the globe and more blood and tears for its victims.

Handwritten note: "The 1985 US military aid programme to Pakistan is a major step towards the escalation of violence in the Middle East."

